

THE ANGLO-FRENCH DIFFICULTY WITH CHINA.

Important Letter from Commodore Pottan.

United States Steam Navigation Company.

San Francisco, July 4, 1859.

Dear Sir:—The last dispatch which I had the honor to send

reported this ship, in company with the chartered

steamer, the Yang-tse, on her way

to the Pello, with our minister to China, Mr. Ward,

and on board.

The Chinese have reported to the government the

results of his interviews and correspondence with the

commissioners at Shanghai. I shall only refer, therefore,

to this subject so far as it is necessary to your understanding

of the circumstances which placed in a very un-

pleasant position our arrival at the Pello, and produced

unpleasant results.

These commissioners were those with whom our

minister, Mr. Ward, concluded the treaty last year

at Peking, and with whom he subsequently arranged

at Shanghai, where they have remained ever

since.

In the interchange of visits between these commis-

sioners and Mr. Ward, the latter was escorted by a

small boat, and the Chinese, who were not only

not satisfied with the dignity of Mr. Ward, but intended

as a compliment to the Chinese commissioners, to whom

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One Man Killed, and Several Wounded.

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About six o'clock A. M. the boilers used for cook-

ing and heating purposes exploded with a loud

crash, instantly killing John O'Connor, a seaman,

and severely wounding several others.

The explosion was so great that the marble floor of

the barber's shop and reading room, on the next floor above

that where the boiler was situated, was rent in pieces.

All the glasswork in both of these rooms was shattered

atoms. Two of the young men employed about the

barber's shop were prostrated by the force of the explosion,

and their injuries are of a slight nature. It was

most fortunate indeed that the accident occurred at such

an early hour, or else many persons might have

been injured. Had the explosion taken place an hour

later, when the barber's shop is crowded with the patrons

of the house, the loss of life and limb would have been

fearful to contemplate.

The noise of the explosion caused the guests of the

hotel to start from their slumbers, and for a few moments

all was confusion and dismay. When it was found, how-

ever, that the danger was confined, and that there was

no fear of the building catching fire, the boards were

quickly removed to permit the bodies of the victims to

be removed to the hospital.

An examination of the premises, made by the police and

Mr. Hansen, the proprietor of the house, showed

that the boiler had burst into some half dozen

places. The masonry and wood work surrounding

the boiler, as well as all the partition walls

within forty feet of it, were destroyed. The beams

which supported the floor of the barber's shop were split

in fragments, and the flooring was forced up in several

places. All the glass work in this room was broken, and

the chairs, sofas and dressing stands were upset, and the

boiler, which was in use about two years, leaked

badly. The engineer informed Mr. Hansen that when

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Our London, Paris and Brussels Correspondence.

The following interesting details of the latest news from

Europe and China were brought out by the Asia, and

taken from our Paris and London files.

The news of our correspondents in Paris and Berlin will

be found valuable.

The Manchester Guardian of the 10th of September

says:—

We regret to learn from our reporter that the accident